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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 & 1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(c), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(c) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$230.00 as specified by section 1.17(p).

The documents listed on pages 1 through 8 of the attached PTO form 1449 were previously submitted to the Examiner in

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applicant claims priority rights under 35 U.S.C. § 120. The documents listed on pages 9 through 11 of the attached Form PTO 1449 were previously submitted to the Examiner in Applicant's co-pending application Serial NO. 08/396,414 on which applicant claims priority rights under 35 U.S.C. § 120. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant has placed references identified in the background of Applicant's application on pages 1 and 2 of the attached form 1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material to patentability or constitute "prior art". If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention Applicant's co-pending applications 08/484,928 filed 6/7/95, 08/480,904 filed 6/7/95, 08/474,478 filed 6/7/95, 08/723,592 filed 10/1/96 and 08/479,596 filed 6/7/95.

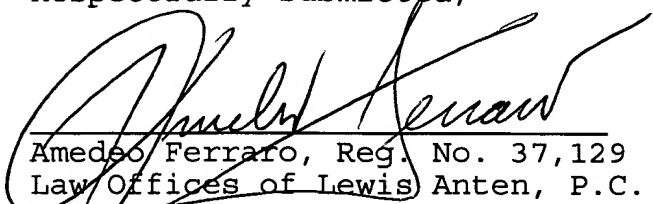
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over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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